GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:100
ANSWERED ON:09.03.2005
DROPSY CASES
Rawat Shri Kamla Prasad

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the Dropsy disease is spreading in various States;

(b) if so, the States in which this fatal disease is spreading;

(c) the reasons for the spread of this disease; and

(d) the remedial steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)to(d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 100 FOR 9TH MARCH, 2005

Reports of dropsy cases have been received from the State of Uttar Pradesh (in Lucknow District) only.

The main cause of dropsy is due to adulteration of mustard oil with argemone mexicana.

Under the Prevention of Food Adulteration (PFA) Rules, 1955, the standards for mustard oil already provide that it shall be free from argemone oil. The States/UT Governments have been advised from time to time to keep a strict vigil on the quality of mustard oil and to take action as per PFA Rules, 1955, to prevent adulteration and to alert the public regarding the dangers of consuming adulterated mustard oil.